

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday September 2nd at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the 22 Ordinary Sunday

The first reading is from the Book of Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

The second reading is from the Letter of St. James 1:17-18,21-22,27

The Holy Gospel is from St. Mark: 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, September 1st at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville.

Our Sunday Message

In his teaching Jesus highlights a problem, if you like, with the practice of faith. Those who are diligent, externally faithful, dutiful and adhere to the rules can appear as holy and righteous. The Pharisees were like this — they had strict rules on personal hygiene, which they adhered to scrupulously. Jesus' disciples, it appears, were more laid back in this department, and it earned them the rebuke of the Pharisees. Jesus, however, as he so often does, strikes at the heart of the matter. We are not made clean or righteous or acceptable to God by some kind of external cleansing process because such things do not change our hearts.

Let us look into our own hearts. Do we recognize any of the following in our own heart: evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly? If the answer is yes, what then do we conclude? That we are righteous? No, of course not. We recognize that we are sinners in need of salvation and we cry out, as Paul cried out, 'Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord'

Coffee Hour will follow Holy Mass and be sponsored by Shirley Allen and Sue Bladek

Our annual Polka Festival featuring Tony's Polka Band will be held at the East Herkimer Fish and Game Club on Saturday September 8th from 1:00 to 5:00.

The church is conducting a food drive to support the local food pantry. Parishioners are encouraged to bring non-perishable items to church on Sundays. Parishioners are also encouraged to donate paper products, coffee and other items needed for the church's Coffee Hour, which is held every Sunday after Holy Mass.

The PNCC was organized in Scranton, PA in 1897. The denomination has over 25,000 members in North America. The church in Little Falls belongs to the Mohawk Valley Seniorate district, which also includes churches in Latham, Schenectady, New York Mills, Rome and Schenectady. More information about the PNCC can be obtained by calling Fr. Dadello at 823-0793, also by visiting WWW.PNCC.ORG or WWW.HOLYSPIRITPNCC.ORG Anyone needing a ride to Holy Mass can call Karen Filipski at (315) 823-4152 or John Rogers at (315) 429-9314.

May the blessing of the Lord be upon you.